



PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN

SHE'S THE **BLACK CAT**.
SHE'S SEARCHING FOR
SPIDER-MAN...

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WHAT SHE
FINDS COULD
SPELL THE
END OF THE
WEB-SLINGER'S
CAREER!!



THIS IS FELICIA HARDY, BETTER KNOWN-- PERHAPS EVEN TO HERSELF-- AS THE BLACK CAT.

USUALLY SHE FEELS AT HOME IN THE NIGHT, SAFE IN THE DARKNESS, SECURE IN THE MOON'S SILVER LIGHT.

BUT NOT TONIGHT.



TONIGHT SHE FEELS A CHILL THAT IS MORE THAN THE COOL EVENING AIR, IT IS THE STIRRING OF TERROR.

SHE FLEES THE MOON'S MARCH GLARE, FLEES THAT BLOATED ORB WHICH TONIGHT, OF ALL NIGHTS, SEEMS TO TAKE UPON ITSELF THE ASPECT OF... THE KINGPIN.

TONIGHT, SHE IS AFRAID.

WHERE, OH WHERE HAS MY SPIDER-MAN GONE...?

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I SHOULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT! I NEVER
SHOULD HAVE TRIED
TO FIND A WAY TO
GET SUPER-POWERS.

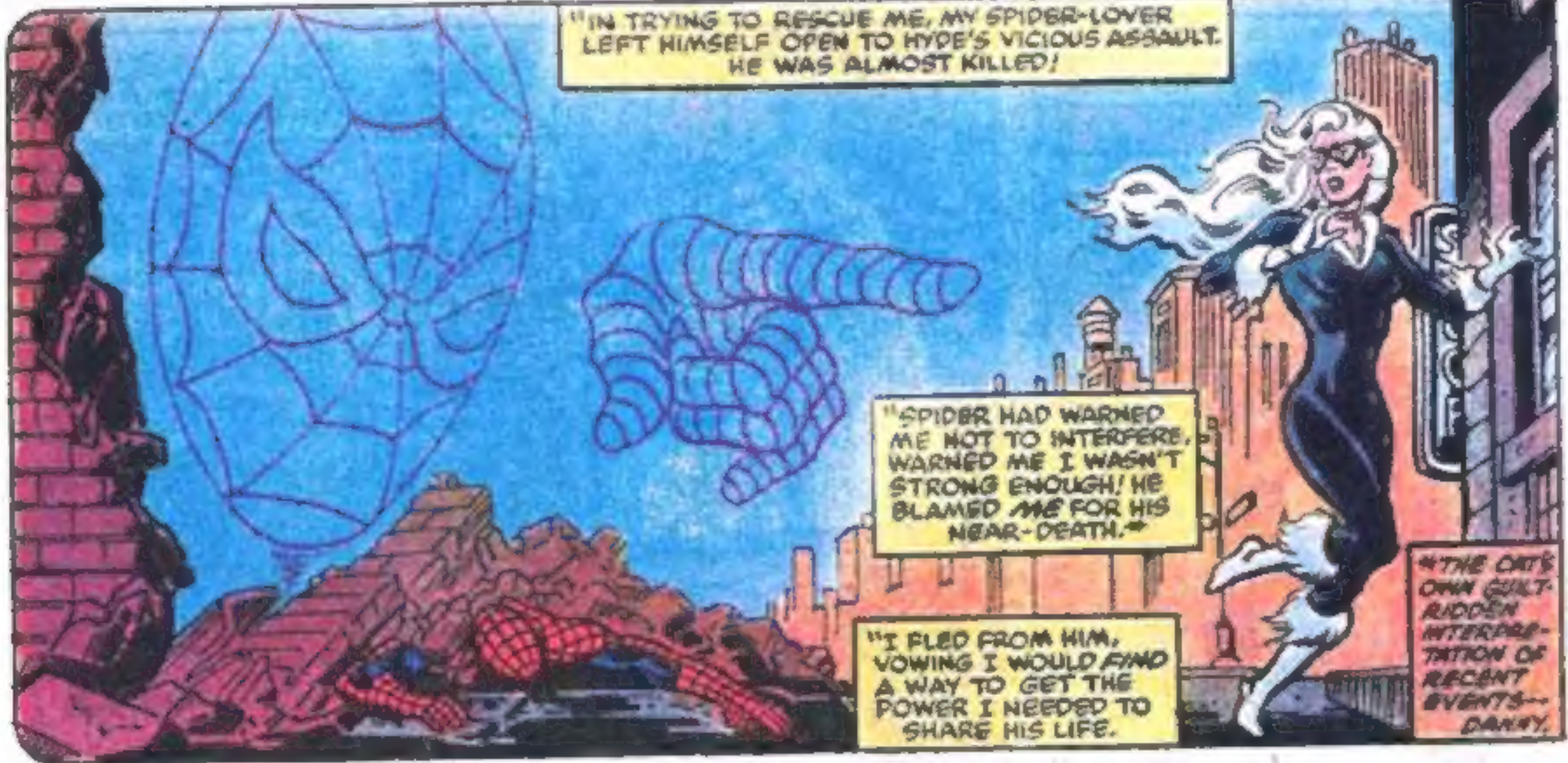
BUT I HAD TO DO IT--
FOR MY LOVER, MY
SPIDER-MAN!

"OH, MY ACROBATIC ABILI-
TY AND FIGHTING SKILLS
WERE GOOD ENOUGH
WHEN WE FOUGHT
ORDINARY FOES--

B-- BUT I NEARLY GOT MY-
SELF KILLED WHEN I WENT
UP AGAINST DOCTOR OCTOPUS
AND THE OWL.

"WHEN I TRIED TO HELP
SPIDER AGAINST THE
HOBGOBLIN, I JUST GOT
IN THE WAY!

"AND WHEN I TRIED TO BATTLE THE BESTIAL
MR. HYDE, I BECAME MORE OF A LIABILITY
THAN EVER.



"IN TRYING TO RESCUE ME, MY SPIDER-LOVER LEFT HIMSELF OPEN TO HYDE'S VICIOUS ASSAULT. HE WAS ALMOST KILLED!"

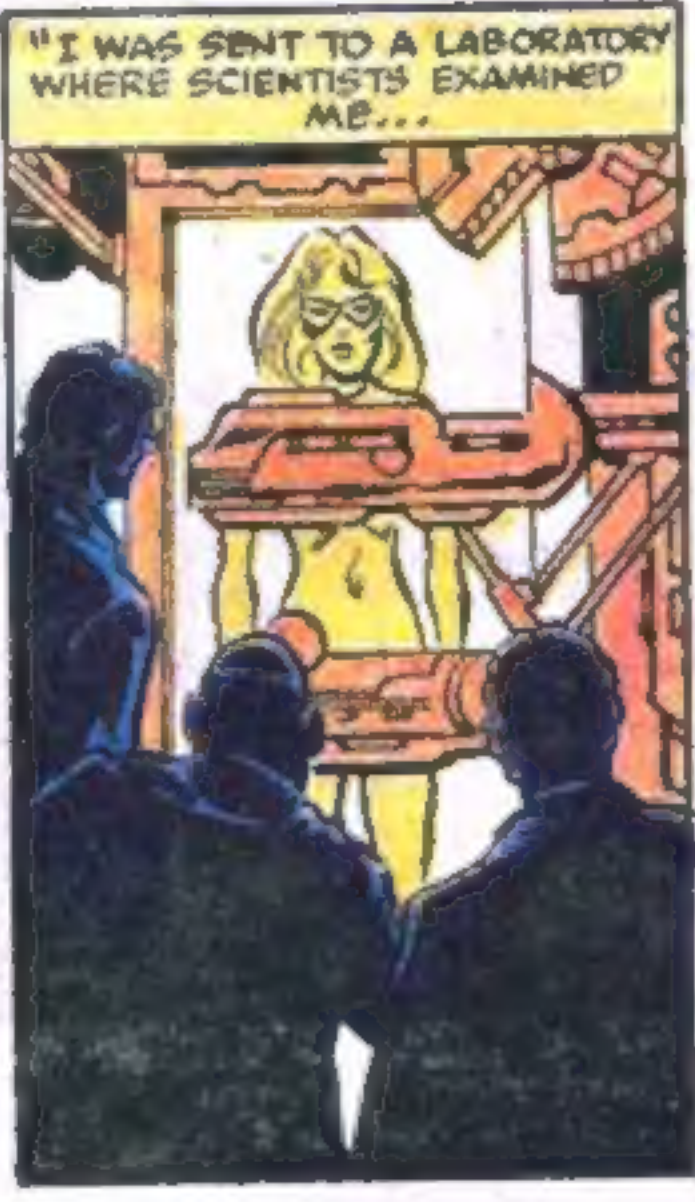
"SPIDER HAD WARNED ME NOT TO INTERFERE, WARNED ME I WASN'T STRONG ENOUGH! HE BLAMED ME FOR HIS NEAR-DEATH."

"I FLED FROM HIM, VOWING I WOULD FIND A WAY TO GET THE POWER I NEEDED TO SHARE HIS LIFE."

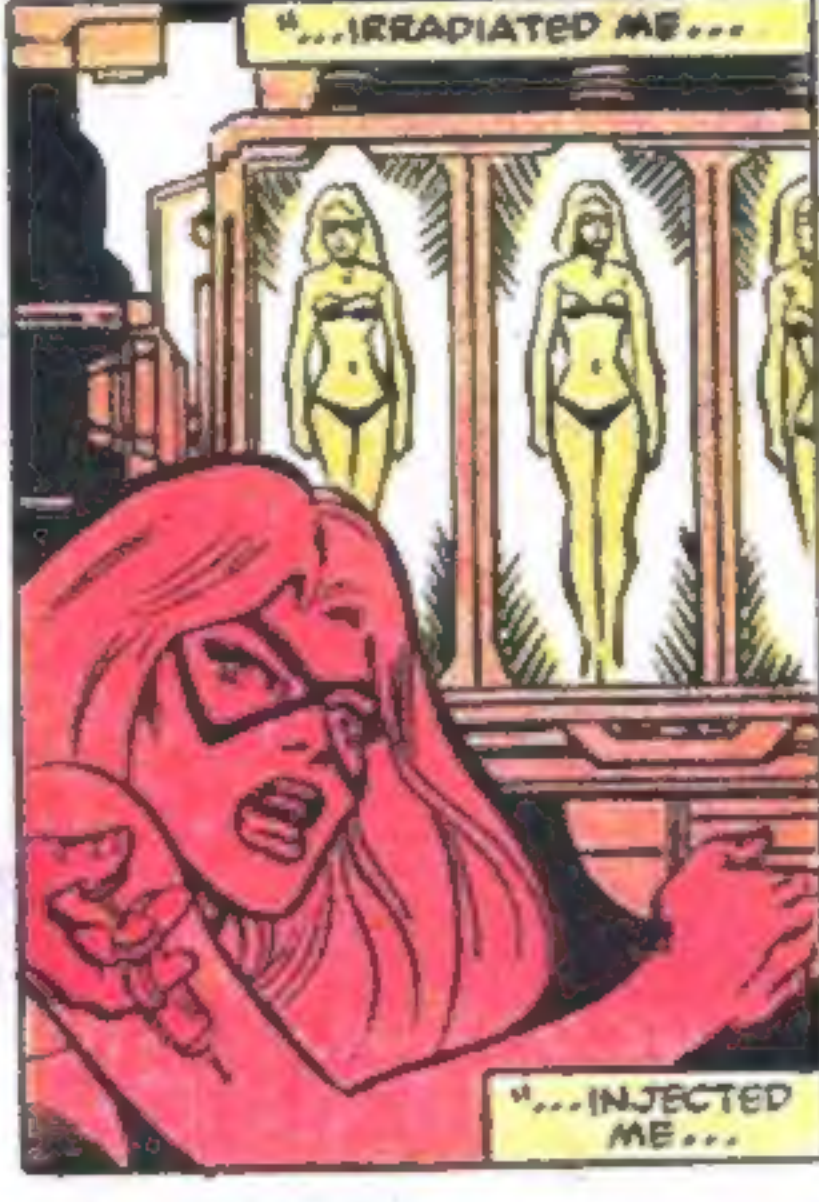
"THE CAT'S OWN GUILT-RIDDEN INTERPRETATION OF RECENT EVENTS... DANNY."



"BUT MY SEARCH SEEMED TO BE IN VAIN, UNTIL A DISGUISED VOICE FROM A MYSTERIOUS LIMOUSINE OFFERED TO HELP ME...IN RETURN FOR UN-NAMED SERVICES. I FIGURED I COULD DEAL WITH THAT LATER."

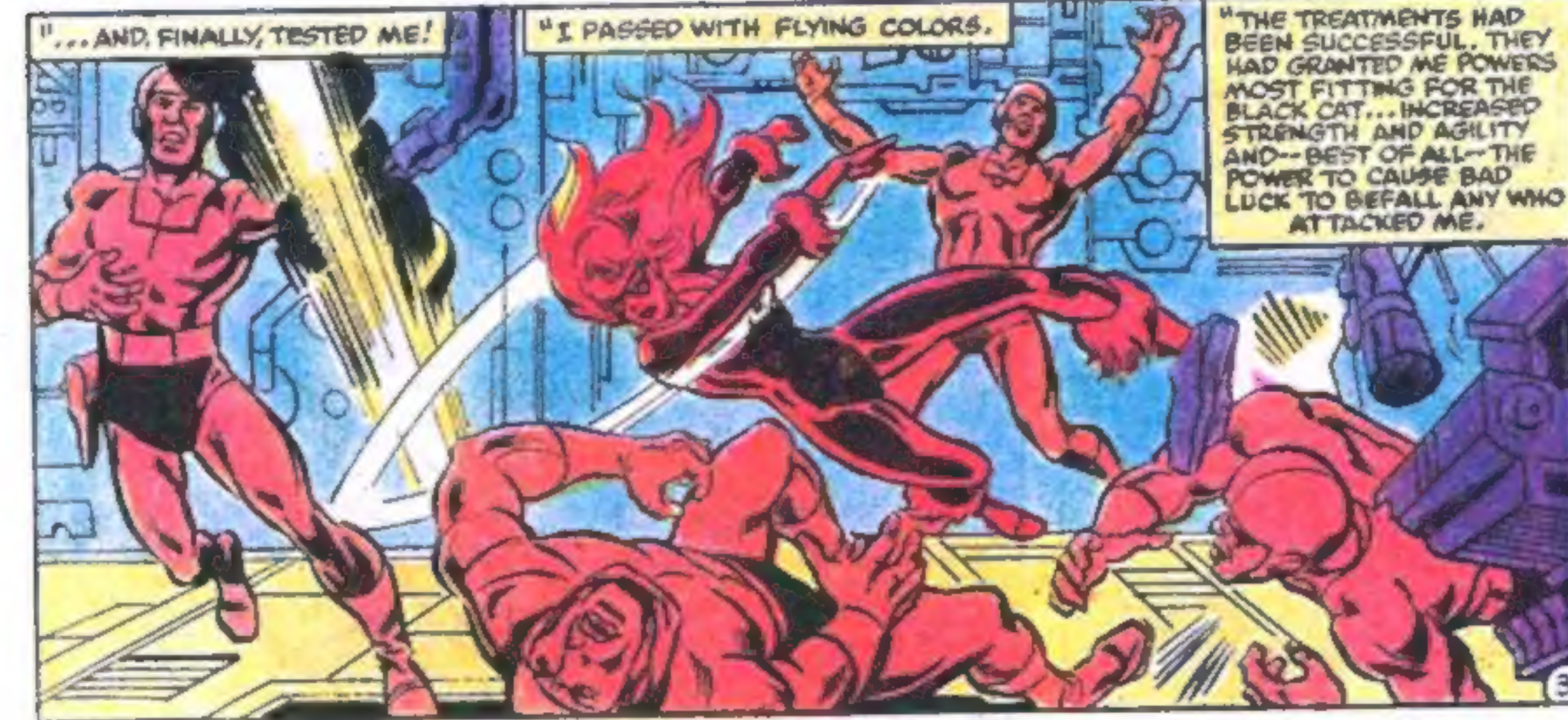


"I WAS SENT TO A LABORATORY WHERE SCIENTISTS EXAMINED ME..."



"...IRRADIATED ME..."

"...INJECTED ME..."



"...AND, FINALLY, TESTED ME!"

"I PASSED WITH FLYING COLORS."

"THE TREATMENTS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. THEY HAD GRANTED ME POWERS MOST FITTING FOR THE BLACK CAT...INCREASED STRENGTH AND AGILITY AND--BEST OF ALL--THE POWER TO CAUSE BAD LUCK TO BEFALL ANY WHO ATTACKED ME."

"AT LAST I COULD FIGHT AT MY LOVER'S SIDE, HIS EQUAL, HIS MATE IN EVERY WAY. I WAS OVERJOYED..."

"...UNTIL I LEARNED WHO MY MYSTERIOUS BENEFACTOR WAS..."



"IT WAS THE KINGPIN OF CRIME, THE SINGLE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN ALL OF THE EAST COAST'S UNDERWORLD—AND SWORN ENEMY OF SPIDER-MAN!"



"WE STRUCK A BARGAIN."

HE PROMISED I WOULDN'T BE FORCED TO USE MY POWERS AGAINST MY LOVER.

BUT IF HE EVER REQUIRES MY SERVICES, I MUST DO WHAT HE COMMANDS.



WHAT SORT OF UNHOLY BARGAIN HAVE I STRUCK? I'M SCARED, SO SCARED THAT EVEN THE NIGHT HOLDS NO COMFORT FOR ME.

IF ONLY I COULD FIND SPIDER... LET HIM HOLD ME IN HIS ARMS... CONFIDE IN HIM...



BUT WHAT IF I DID?!

WOULD HE SYMPATHIZE, OR BE ANGRY WITH ME?



HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO GET INVOLVED IN THESE DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES. WHAT WILL HE SAY WHEN HE LEARNS I WENT TO THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIME LORD OF ALL FOR HELP?



GOT TO CALM DOWN...THINK THIS
THING OUT. MY HEART'S RACING...
HEAD POUNDING.

MAYBE IF I SLOW
IT DOWN, TAKE A
WALK, I'LL BE ABLE
TO COLLECT MYSELF.

BUT EVEN AS THE BLACK CAT
DROPS TO THE PAVEMENT,
TO BE ALONE WITH HER THOUGHTS,
SHE ATTRACTS COMPANY--

--OF A VERY
UNSAVORY
KIND.

HEY, MIKEY, I GOT ME A BAD CASE
OF THE STRAY CAT BLUES AND THAT
SLINKY LI'L NUMBER LOOKS LIKE
SHE MIGHT JUST BE THE CURE.

I READ YOU,
NICKEY!

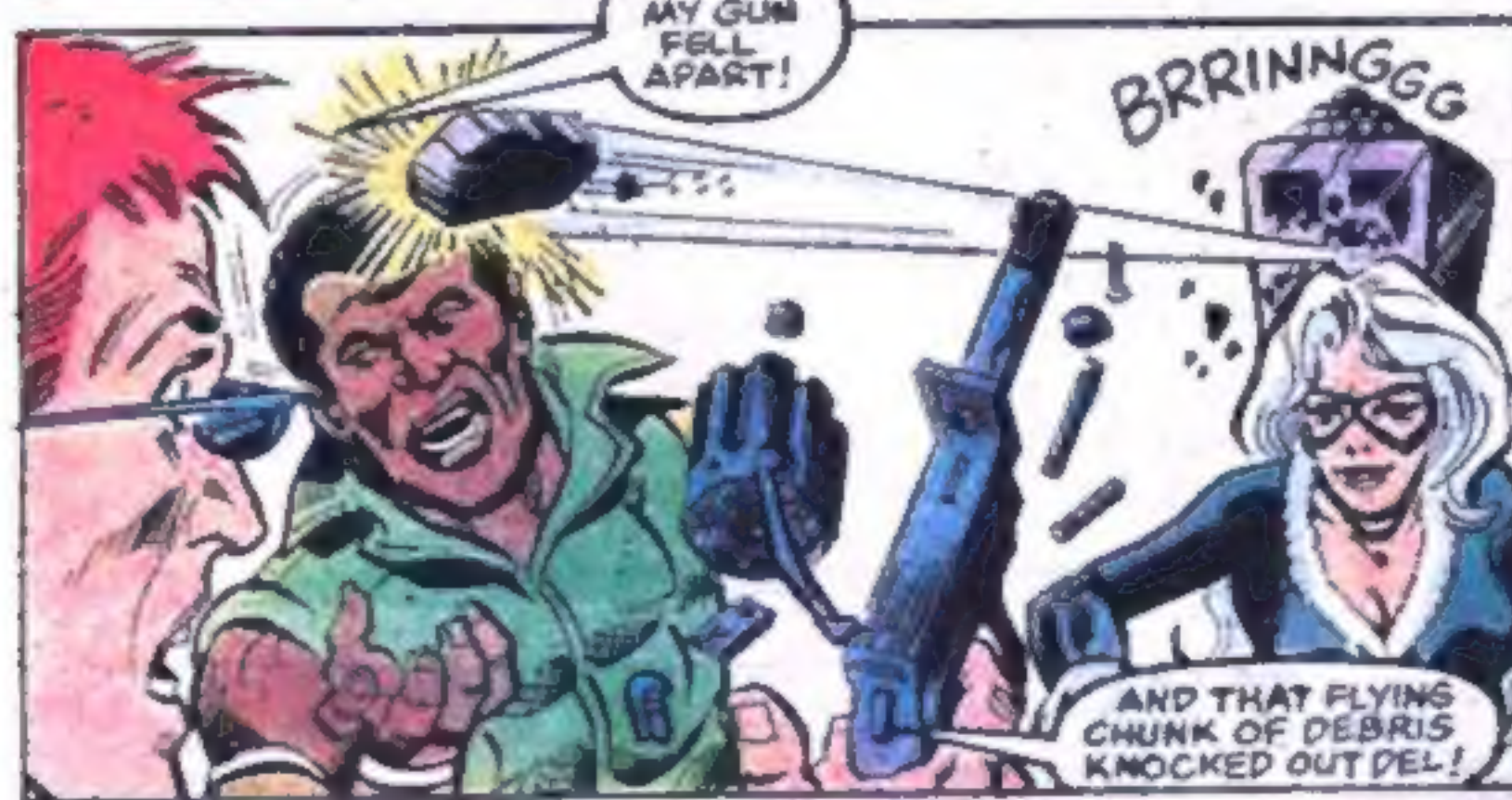
THAT GEM CHOKER ON HER
FINE LITTLE NECK LOOKS
LIKE THE GOODS, TOO.
LET'S CHECK IT OUT.

QUIET,
NOW.









I'VE JUST GOT TO TELL SPIDER ABOUT MY NEW ABILITIES. THAT'S THE ONLY WAY HE'LL ALLOW ME TO SHARE IN HIS ADVENTURES--!

MAYBE... MAYBE I JUST WON'T TELL HIM HOW I GOT THE POWERS. I WON'T EVEN MENTION THE CONNECTION WITH THE KINGPIN.



THAT'S IT! SPIDER WON'T EVER HAVE TO KNOW WHERE THE POWERS CAME FROM. I'LL JUST TELL HIM THEY WERE LATENT ABILITIES I HAD ALL ALONG.

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE KINGPIN CALLS IN HIS MARKER--NEEDS ME TO PERFORM SOME TASK FOR HIM AS MY PART OF THE BARGAIN?

I-I GUESS I JUST WON'T TELL SPIDER ABOUT IT. OR...



...OR MAYBE I JUST WON'T DO IT, PERIOD! I MEAN, IT SEEMS LIKE NO ONE CAN HARM ME, NO MATTER HOW HARD THEY TRY.

MAYBE THE KINGPIN WENT TOO FAR--GAVE ME TOO MUCH POWER.

GAVE ME SO MUCH POWER THAT I NEEDN'T FEAR ANYONE... NOT EVEN HIM!



YEAH! HE'S NOT AS SMART AS HE THINKS! HECK, I STOLE THAT ACTIVATOR GIZMO OFF HIM THAT TIME WITHOUT EVEN BREATHING HARD!*

I'VE GOT TO FIND SPIDER AND TELL HIM--TELL HIM HE DOESN'T HAVE TO FEAR FOR HIS LOVER'S SAFETY EVER AGAIN!

*SEE PETER PARKER #74 --DANNY.

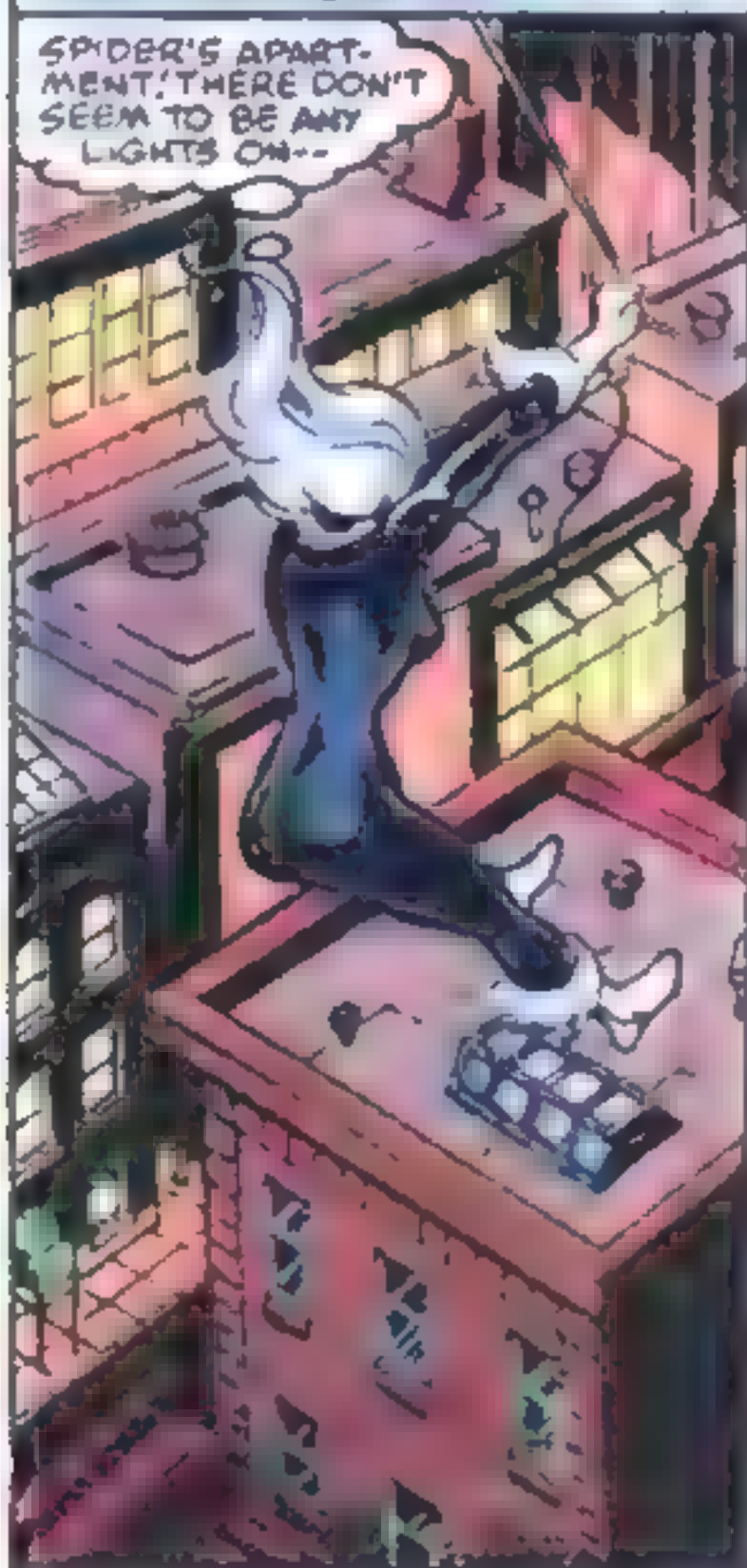
THE TERROR IS GONE NOW REPLACED BY THE LIGHT-HEARTED OPTIMISM OF A YOUNG WOMAN IN LOVE.

BUT STILL, THE COLD MOON GLARES.



A SHORT PROWL UPTOWN BRINGS THE BLACK CAT TO...

SPIDER'S APARTMENT! THERE DON'T SEEM TO BE ANY LIGHTS ON--



-- BUT THEN, IF I LIVED IN A DUMP LIKE THIS, I WOULDN'T WANT TO SEE MY SURROUNDINGS EITHER.

HONESTLY, I DON'T KNOW WHY HE LIVES HERE. I'M SURE HE COULD DO MUCH BETTER FOR HIMSELF.

WELL MAYBE WITH A GOOD WOMAN-- ME-- BEHIND HIM, WE'LL UPGRADE HIS SELF-IMAGE, MAKE HIM A SUCCESS.

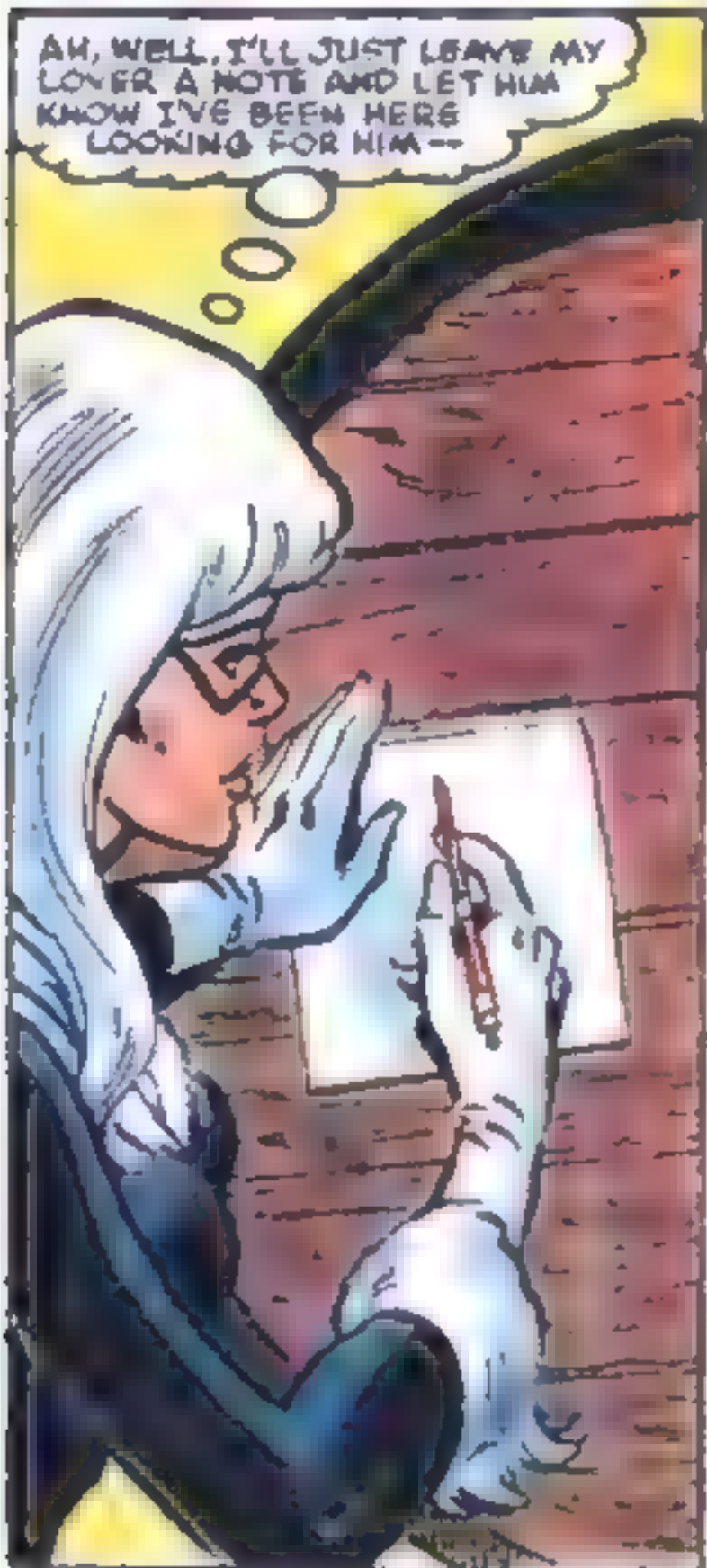


I'LL JUST LET MYSELF IN VIA HIS SKYLIGHT. IMAGINE HAVING TO SNEAK IN AND OUT THROUGH THE BATHROOM OF ALL PLACES!

NO GLAMOR IN THAT!



AH, WELL. I'LL JUST LEAVE MY LOVER A NOTE AND LET HIM KNOW I'VE BEEN HERE LOOKING FOR HIM--



-- THEN I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE AND NO ONE WILL BE ANY THE WISER.

I DO NOT WANT TO GO OUT THROUGH THE THE BATHROOM AGAIN. NO HARM IN LEAVING BY THE DOOR THIS LATE AT NIGHT.



OOPS!

ALL RIGHT, GIRLIE WHAT GOES ON HERE?! I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT PARKER AIN'T BEEN AROUND HERE FOR DAYS AND HERE I FIND YOU COMIN' OUT OF HIS ROOM.

IF HE'S SHARN' THE PLACE WITH YOU, HE'S GONNA OWE ME MORE RENT. SAY, WHAT IS THAT MASK YER WEARIN'?





YES, WELL, WE'VE BEEN WORKING DOUBLE SHIFTS LATELY. SEEMS LIKE EVERY MURDERER, MUGGER AND CAT BURGLAR HAS GONE ON A RAMPAGE THIS WEEK.

WHICH REMINDS ME, HOW ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR AMNESTY? KEEPING YOUR NOSE CLEAN, I TRUST?

ER... YES. I-I NEVER REALLY GOT A CHANCE TO THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME GET A FRESH START WITH THE LAW.

IT'S OKAY KID FORGET IT JUST DON'T STRAY FROM THE STRAIGHT-AND-NARROW.

GOSH, WHAT WOULD SHE THINK IF SHE KNEW I'VE BEEN ASSOCIATING WITH THE KINGPIN? I COULD LOSE MY AMNESTY-- GO BACK TO BEING A WANTED CRIMINAL.

OOH SPIDER-MAN WOULD BE UPSET WITH ME IF THAT HAPPENED.

UH... AM I RIGHT IN ASSUMING YOU DIDN'T STOP BY JUST TO SHOOT THE BREEZE?

OH, YES, I'M SORRY, CAPTAIN. I WAS REALLY JUST WONDERING IF YOU'D SEEN SPIDER-MAN LATELY. HE'S BEEN OUT OF TOUCH FOR DAYS, AND HE AND I HAD BEEN... SEEING A LOT OF EACH OTHER.

I'LL GET YOU HAD. HERE I'VE MANAGED TO DEVELOP A SCHOOL-GIRL CRUSH ON THE WEB-SLINGER AND WHAT DO I DO?

I HELP GET THIS BUBBLE-HEADED CUTIE OFF THE HOOK SO SHE CAN PUT THE MOVES ON HIM. NOT BRIGHT, DEWOLFF!

CAPTAIN?

NO I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, A LOT OF THE CITY'S SUPER-TYPES SEEM TO HAVE DISAPPEARED.

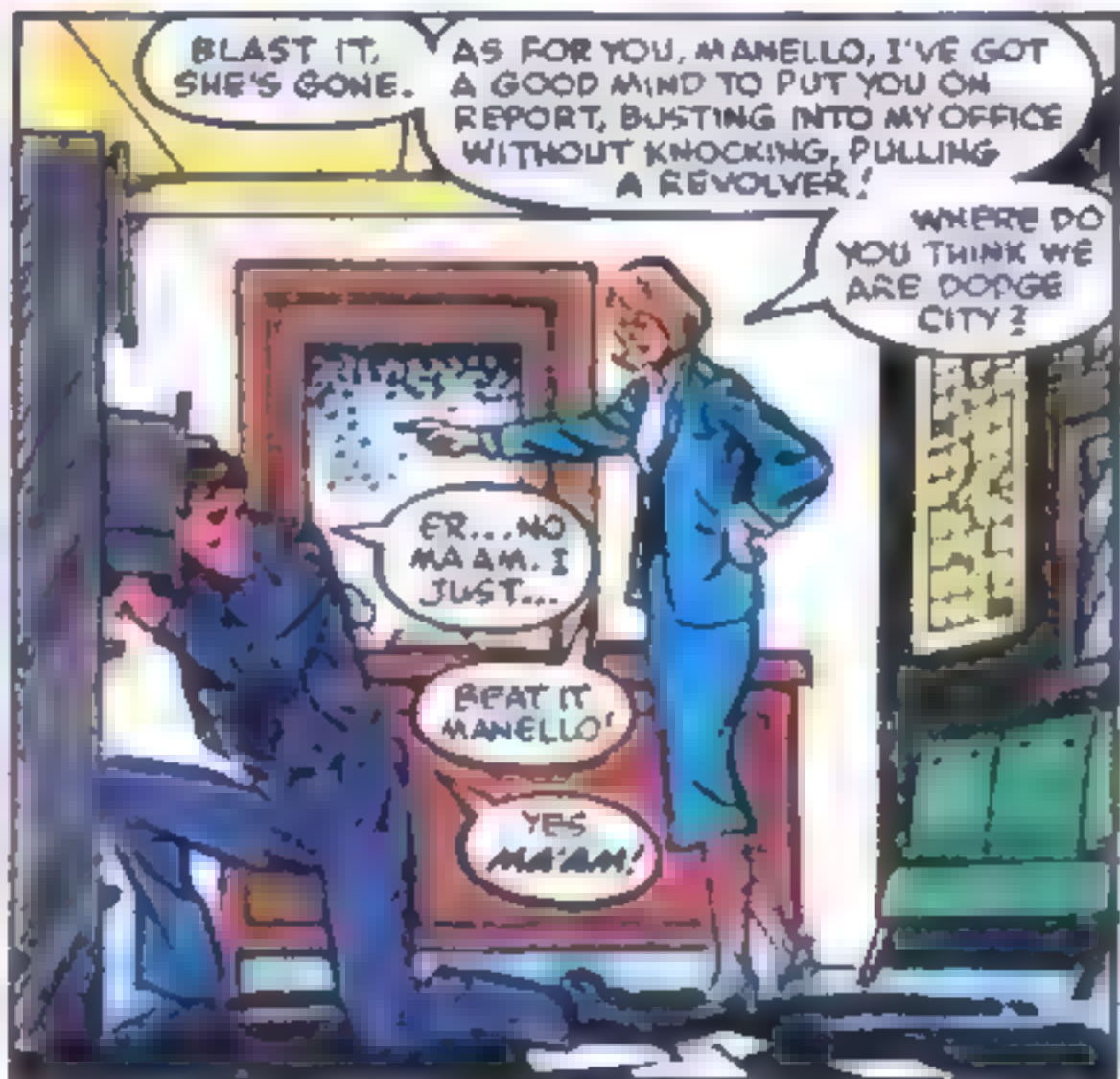
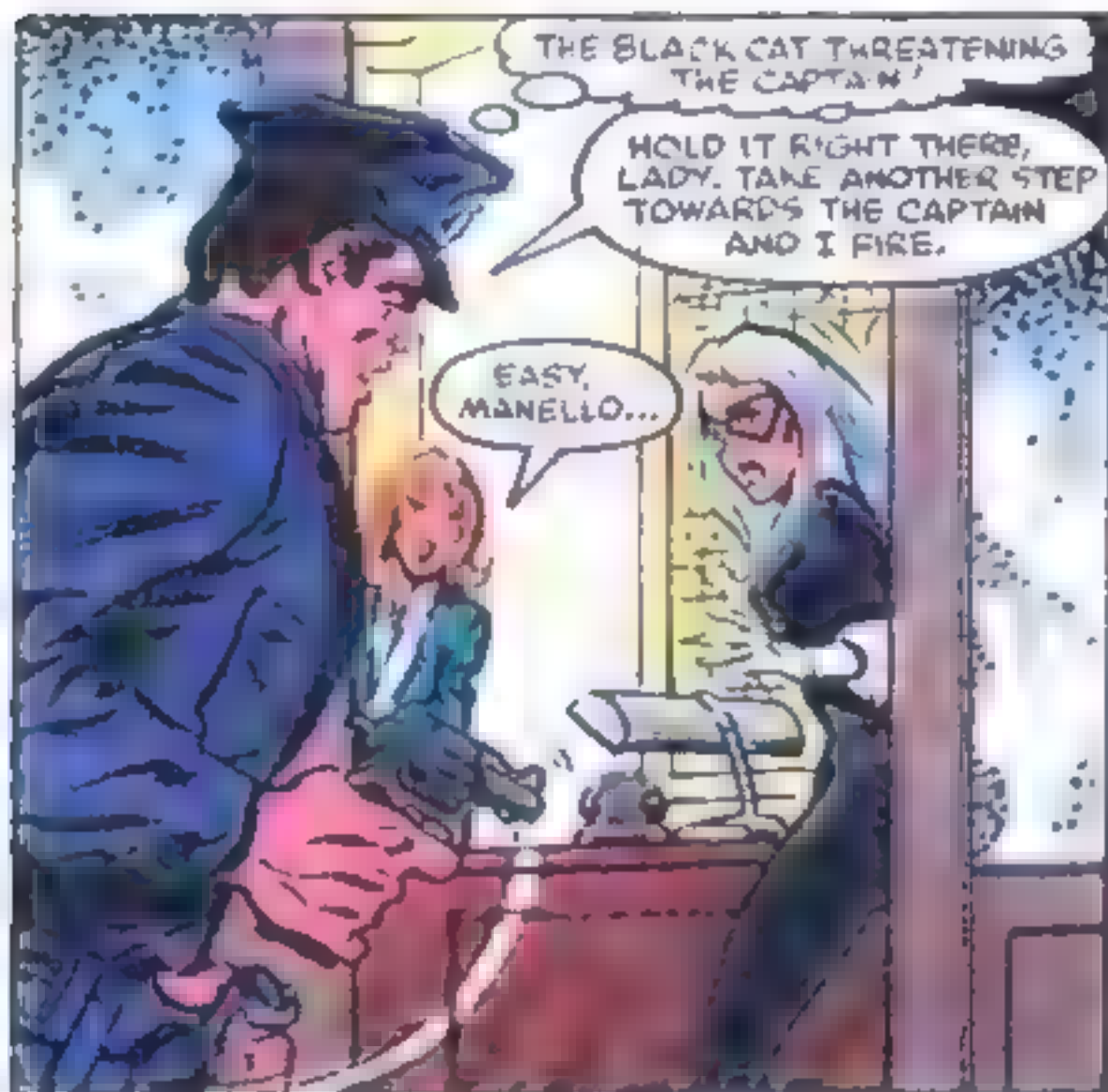
JUST THE OTHER DAY, THE VISION WAS ON TV TALKING ABOUT IT MAYBE SPIDEY GOT CAUGHT UP IN WHATEVER THAT'S ABOUT!

WHAT?!

YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT IT! DO YOU HEAR ME?!

EASY NOW, GIRL.

EXCUSE ME, CAPTAIN, I... HEY!



DAILY BUGLE

I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL HIM, BUT THE MAIN THING IS TO FIND HIM FIRST.

MAYBE AT THE PLACE WHERE HE WORKS...

HEY! LOOK WHAT JUST CLIMBED IN THE WINDOW... SEVENTEEN STORIES UP!

WUH... YOW!

EXCUSE ME, HAS ANYONE HERE SEEN... ER... PETER PARKER.

I HATE THINKING OF HIM AS THAT ORDINARY PERSON.

P-P-PARKER? N-NO. HE'S JUST A FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER. SOMETIMES WE DON'T SEE HIM FOR WEEKS AT A TIME.

AWRIGHT, WHAT IN BLUE BLAZES IS GOING ON AROUND HERE?

I PUT JOE ROBERTSON IN CHARGE AND EVERYTHING STOPS DEAD!

SO, THE BLACK CAT, I DON'T GET ENOUGH GRIEF FROM YOU WHEN YOU AND THAT BLASTED WEB-SLINGER FOUGHT THE FLY HERE LAST WEEK? YOU NEARLY GOT ME KILLED!

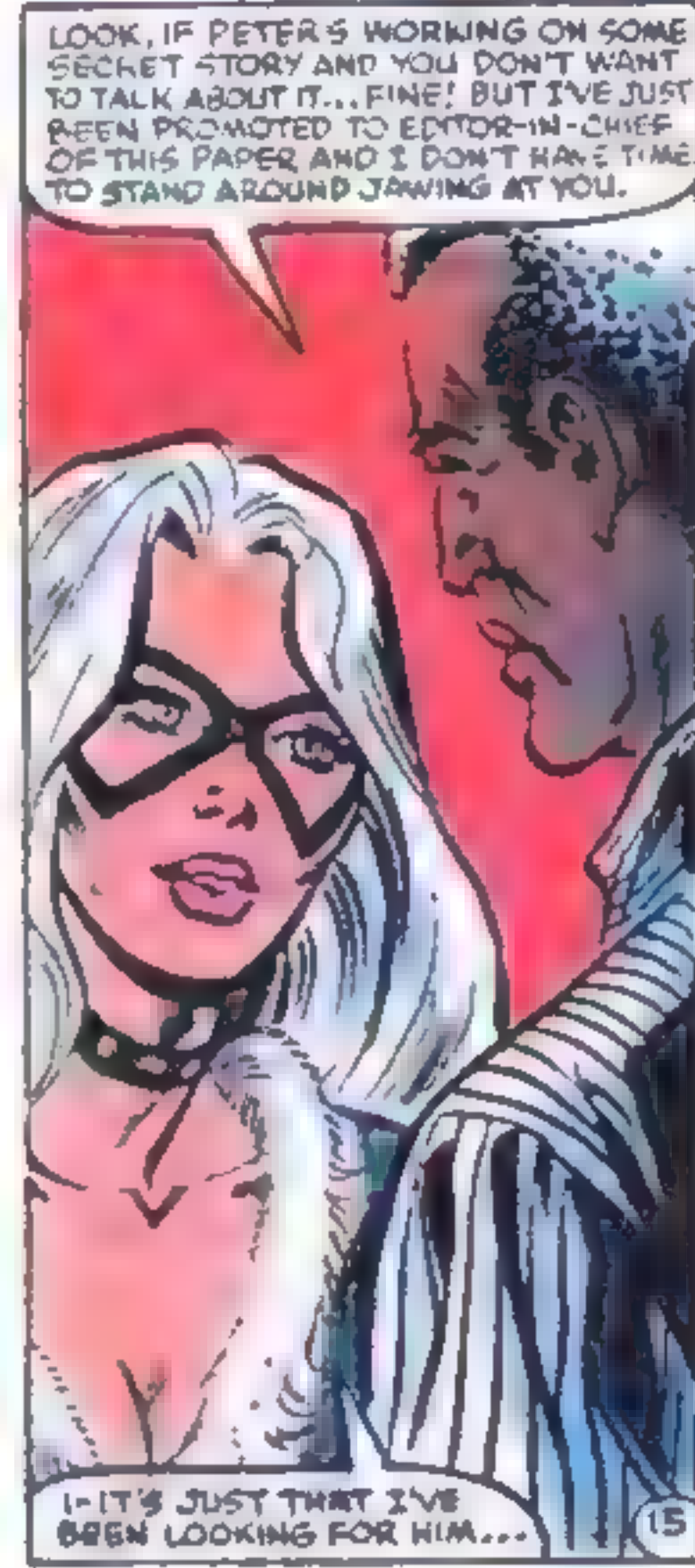
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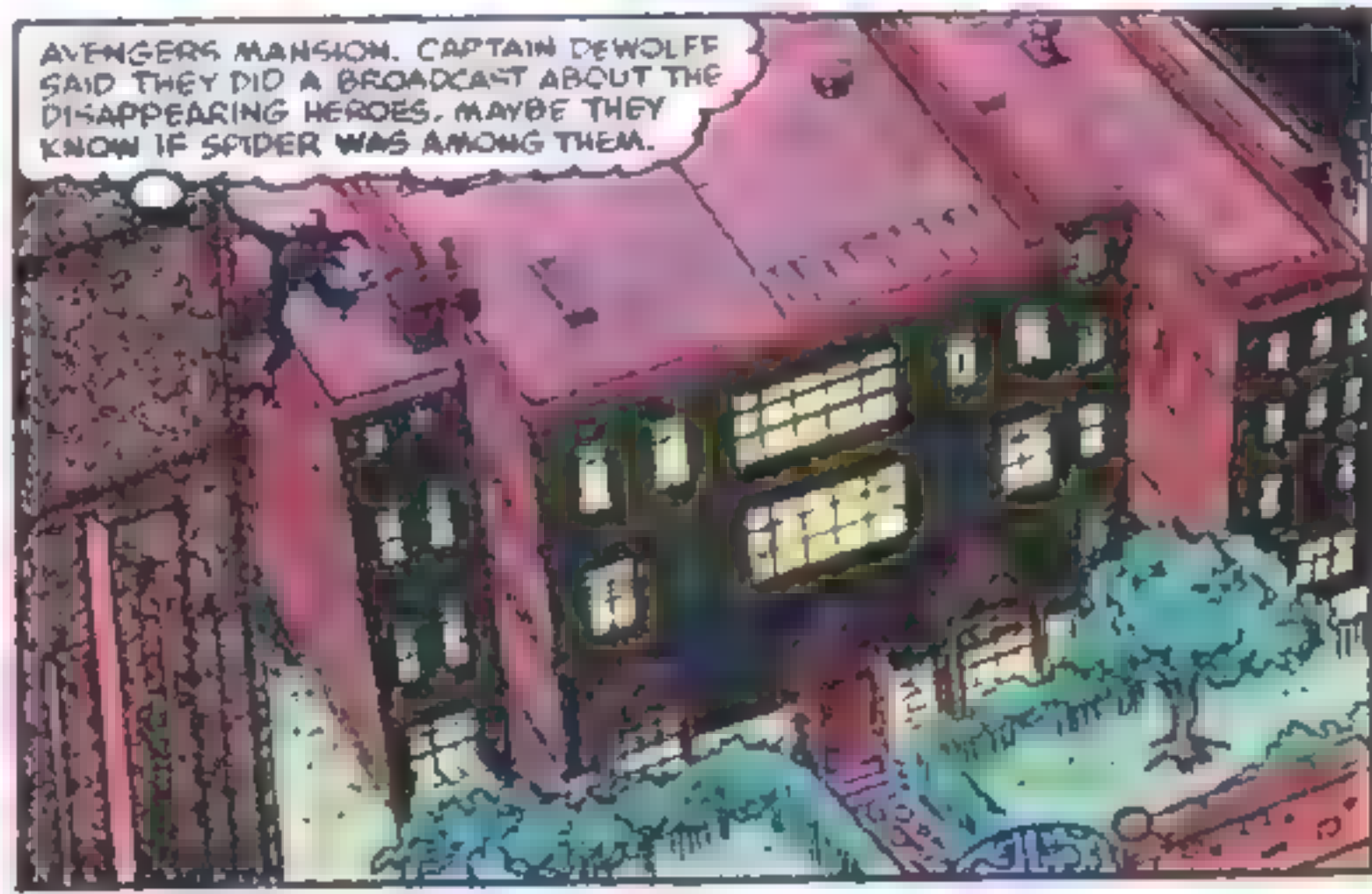
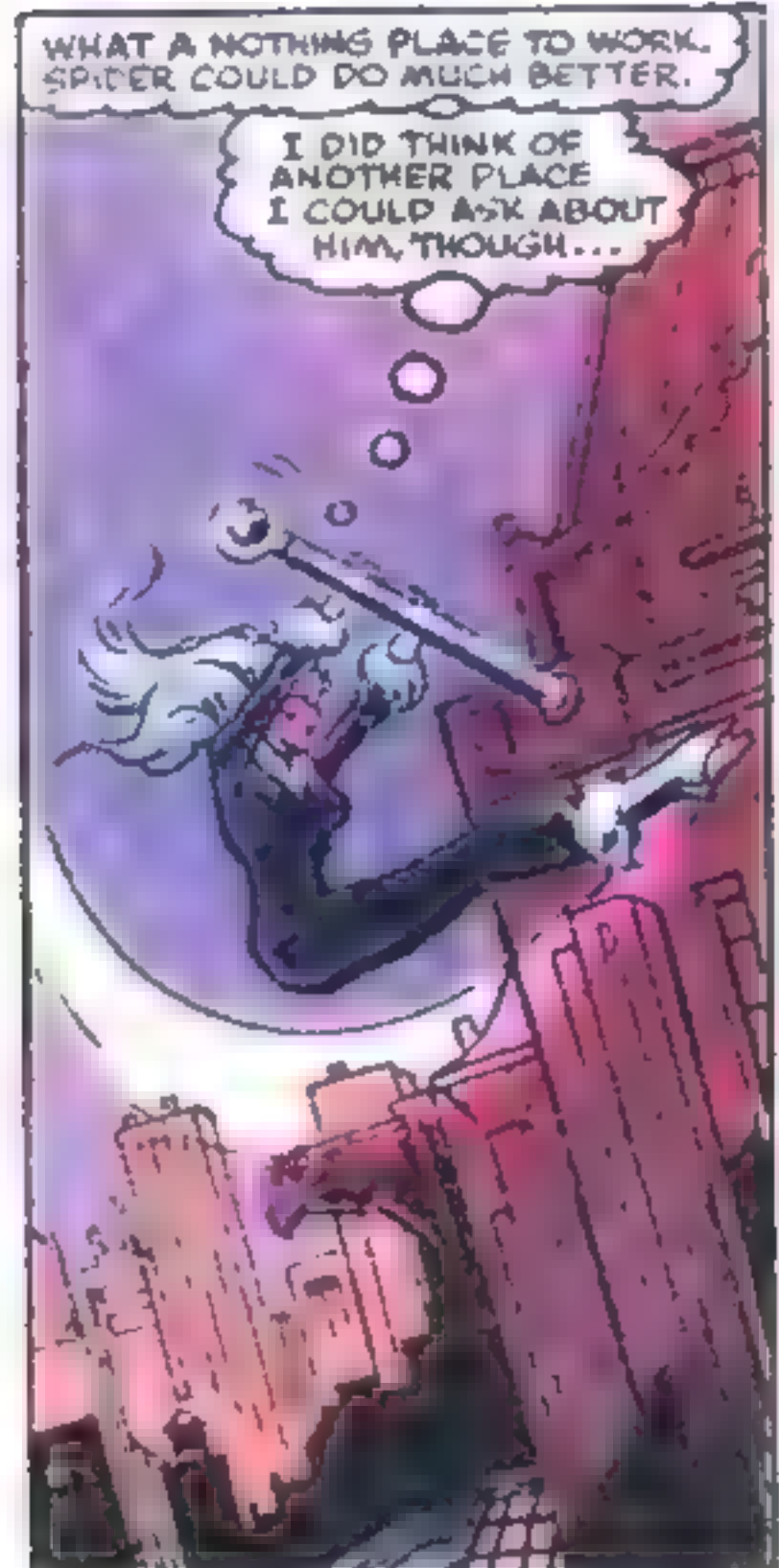
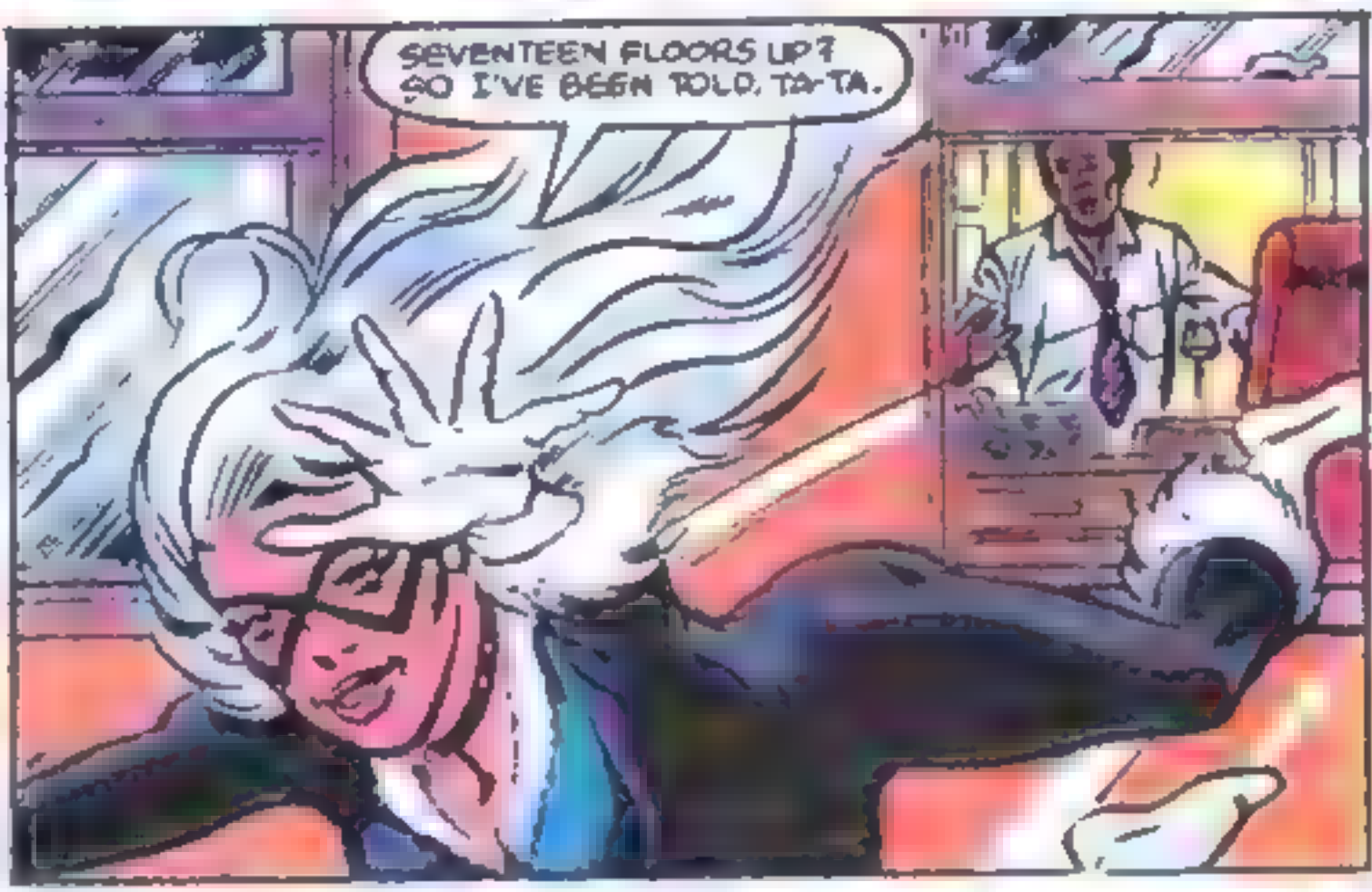
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT?!

I-I'M LOOKING FOR PETER PARKER.

H-HER...

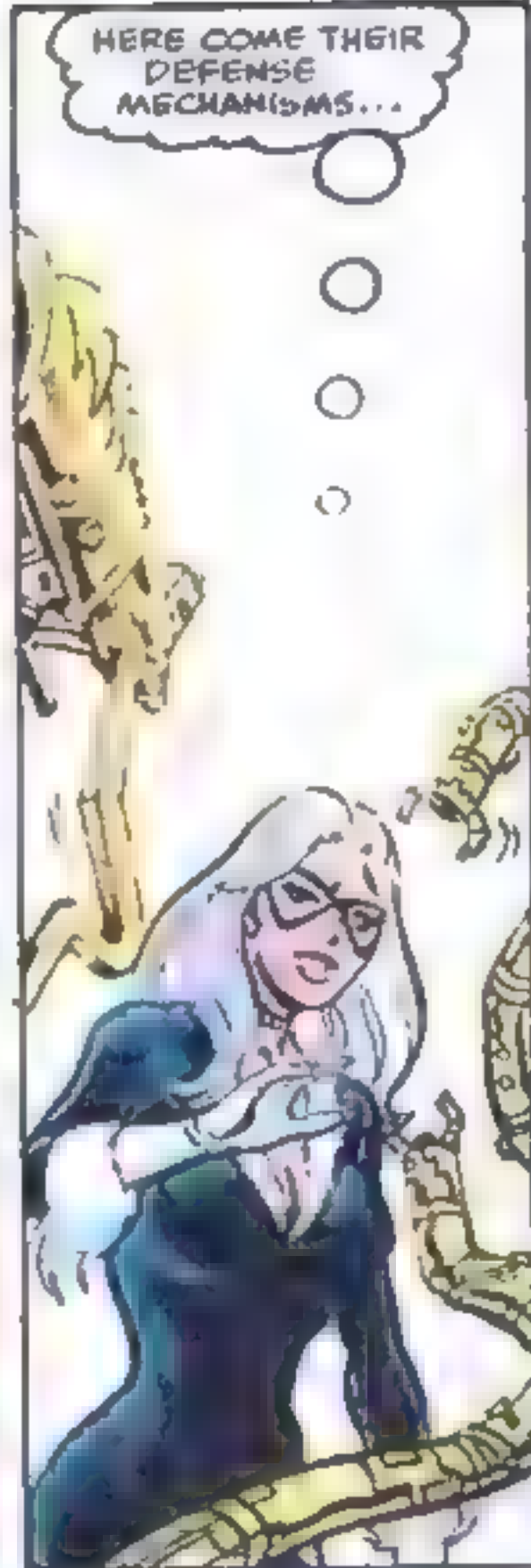
THAT'S RIGHT, J. JONAH JAMESON, YOUR FORMER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, AND I'M STILL THE PUBLISHER OF THIS NEWSPAPER -- IN CASE ANY OF YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN.







BUT LAST TIME, I DIDN'T HAVE MY BAD LUCK POWER.



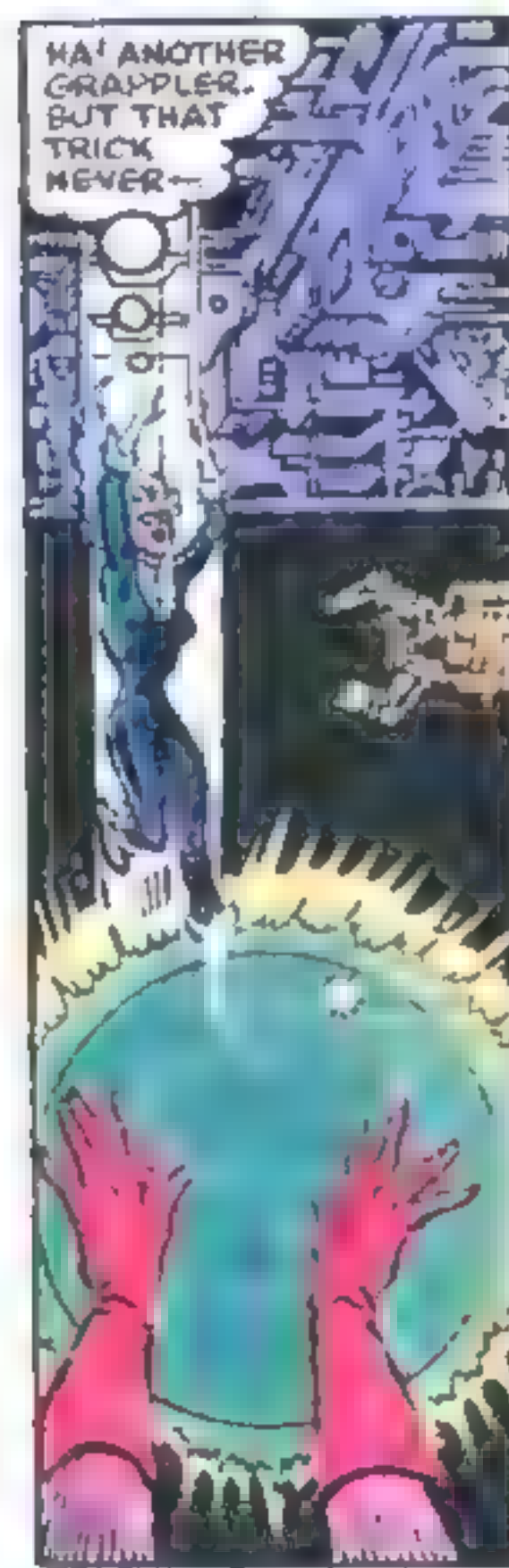
HERE COME THEIR DEFENSE MECHANISMS...



THERE GO THEIR DEFENSE MECHANISMS.



NOW I'LL JUST SHIMMY DOWN THIS HATCH, AND SEE IF THE AVENGERS HAVE ANY OTHER TOYS I CAN DISMANTLE FOR THEM.

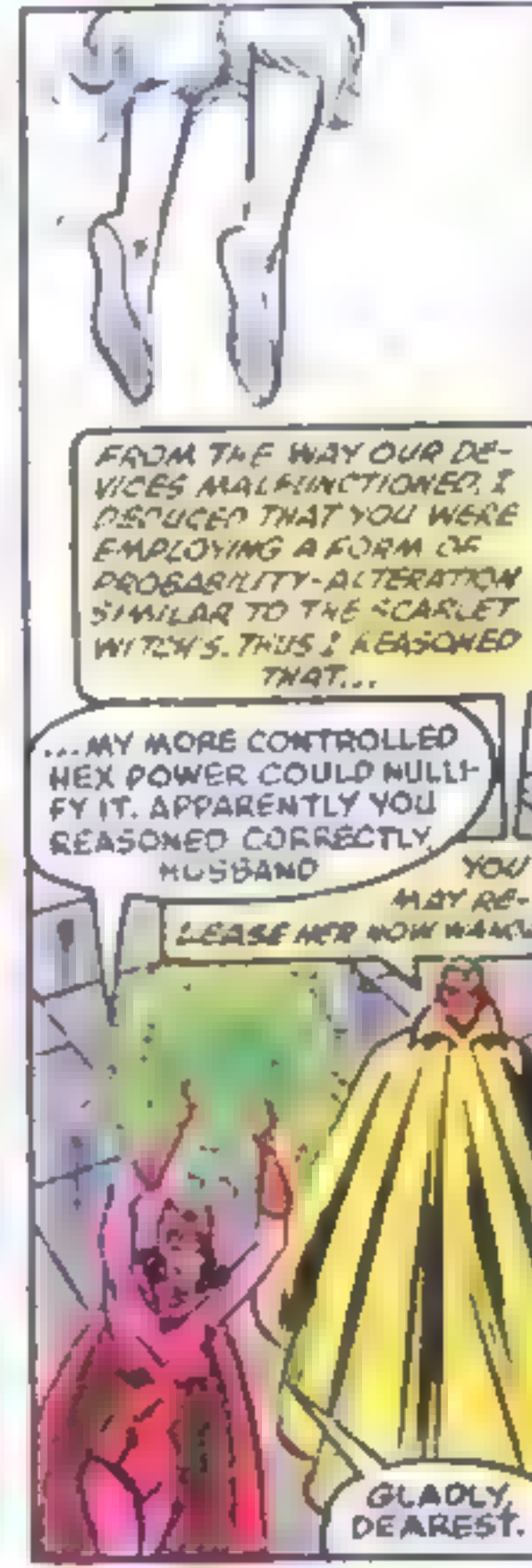


HA! ANOTHER GRAPPLER. BUT THAT TRICK NEVER--



---WORKS?!

BUT THERE'S NO WAY IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GRAB ME!



FROM THE WAY OUR DEVICES MALFUNCTIONED, I DEDUCED THAT YOU WERE EMPLOYING A FORM OF PROBABILITY-ALTERATION SIMILAR TO THE SCARLET WITCH'S. THUS I REASONED THAT...

...MY MORE CONTROLLED HEX POWER COULD NULLIFY IT. APPARENTLY YOU REASONED CORRECTLY, HUSBAND.

YOU MAY RELEASE HER NOW WANDA.

GLADLY, DEAREST.



CAPTAIN AMERICA INFORMED ME OF YOUR QUEST FOR SUPER-POWERS. BLACK CAT APPARENTLY YOU WERE SUCCESSFUL.

UMMM...YEAH. BUT NOW I'M LOOKING FOR SPIDER-MAN. VISION. HE'S DISAPPEARED, AND I HEARD SOME AVENGERS WERE MISSING TOO, SO...



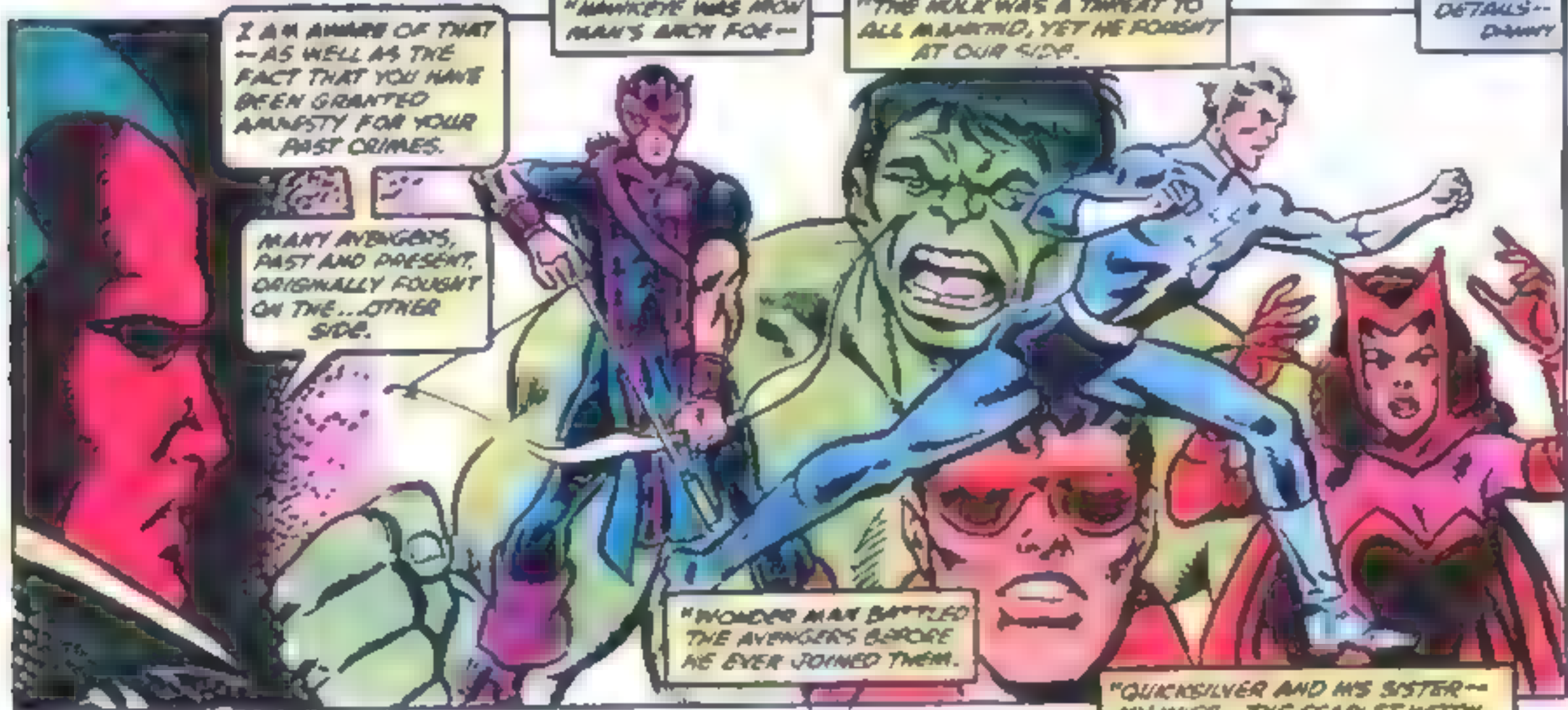
SO YOU THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE SOME INFORMATION. I AM SORRY BUT WE KNOW NOTHING OF SPIDER-MAN'S WHEREABOUTS.

THE LAST THE AVENGERS SAW OF HIM WAS WHEN HE ALMOST BECAME ONE OF US. UNFORTUNATELY, THE GOVERNMENT DISQUALIFIED HIM FOR MEMBERSHIP.

BUT WE ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND OUR RANKS. PERHAPS YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED?

ME? BUT I'M JUST A SOUPED UP CAT BURGLAR... AND I'VE GOT A CRIMINAL RECORD.

* SEE AVENGERS #237 FOR DETAILS-- DANNY



I AM AWARE OF THAT -- AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN GRANTED AMNESTY FOR YOUR PAST CRIMES.

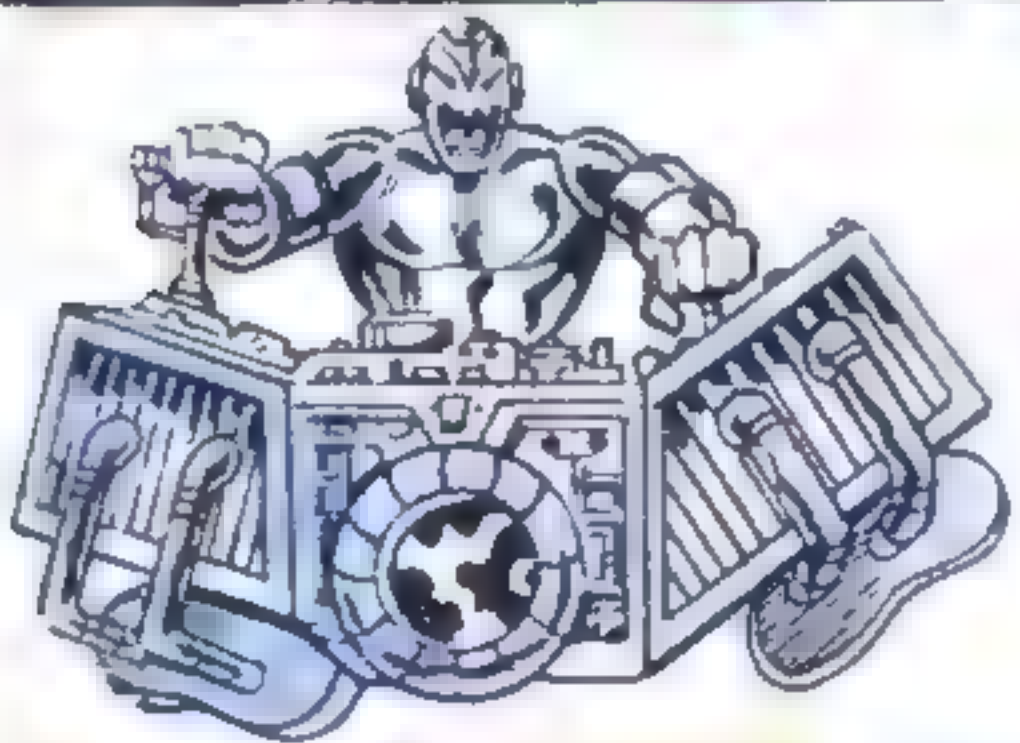
"HAWKEYE WAS IRON MAN'S BACK Foe--

"THE HULK WAS A THREAT TO ALL MANKIND, YET HE FOUGHT AT OUR SIDE.

MANY AVENGERS, PAST AND PRESENT, ORIGINALLY FOUGHT ON THE... OTHER SIDE.

"WONDER MAN BATTLED THE AVENGERS BEFORE HE EVER JOINED THEM.

"QUICKSILVER AND HIS SISTER-- MY WIFE--THE SCARLET WITCH, FOUGHT ON THE SIDE OF EVIL MUTANTS AT ONE TIME.

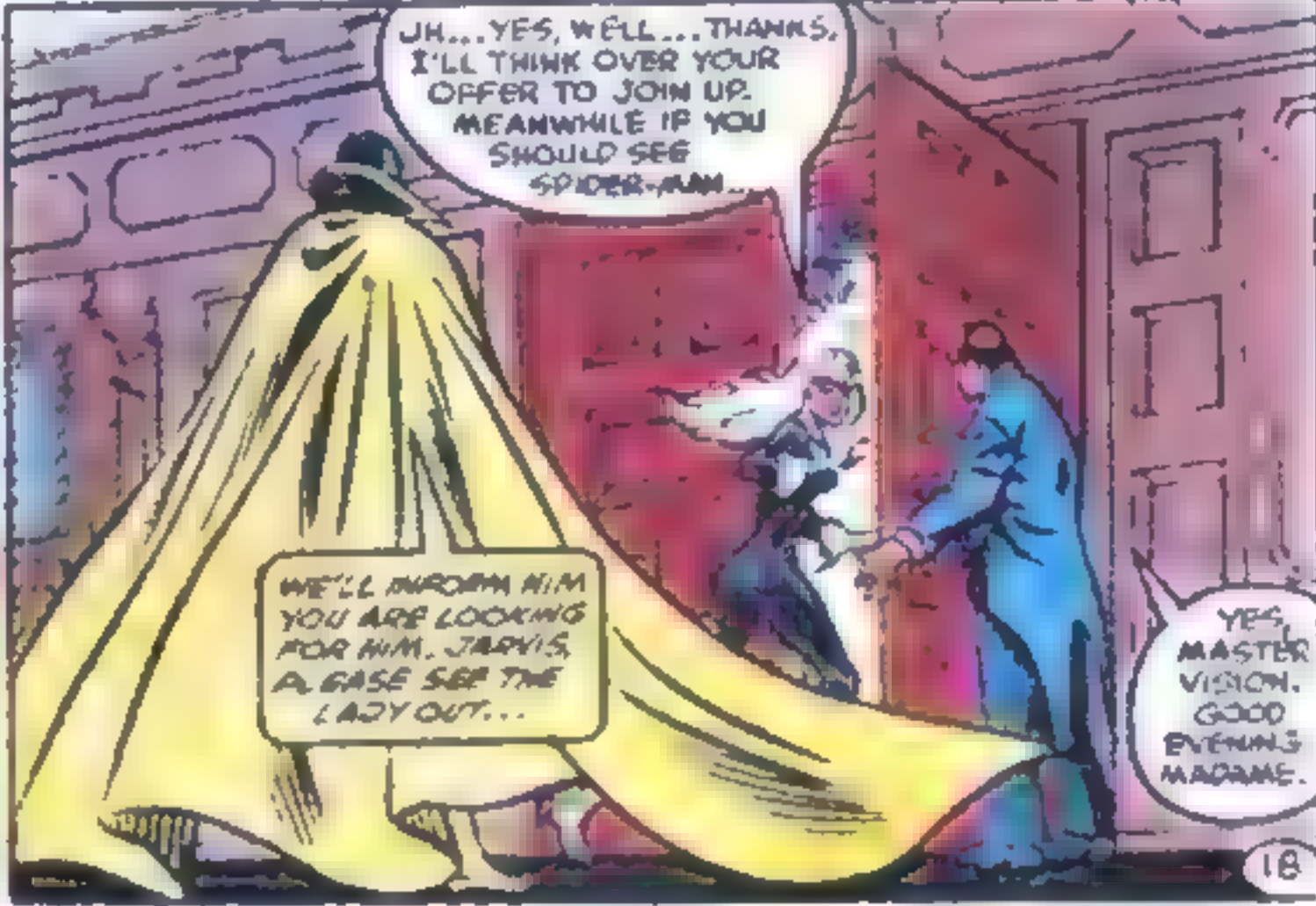


ANY EVEN I MYSELF WAS GRANTED LIFE AND POWER BY THE SINISTER ROBOT ULTRON 5, WHO ATTEMPTED TO USE MY SYNTHETOID ABILITIES TO CRUSH THE AVENGERS.

EVENTUALLY, I WAS FREED FROM HIS INFLUENCE, AND EVER SINCE I HAVE ENDEAVORED TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.



ALWAYS REMEMBER, BLACK CAT--IT ISN'T WHAT YOU WERE OR HOW YOU CAME BY YOUR POWERS THAT IS IMPORTANT... IT'S WHAT YOU ARE AND HOW YOU USE THOSE POWERS NOW!



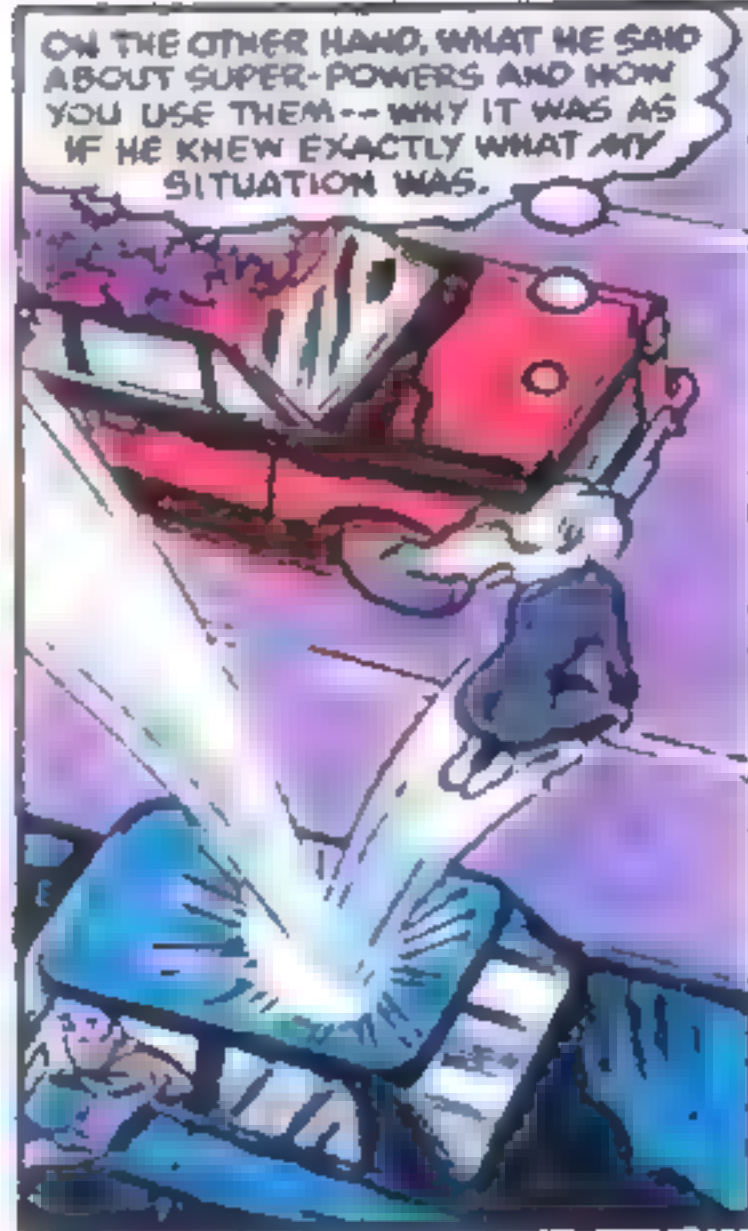
UH...YES, WELL... THANKS. I'LL THINK OVER YOUR OFFER TO JOIN UP. MEANWHILE IF YOU SHOULD SEE SPIDER-MAN...

WE'LL INFORM HIM YOU ARE LOOKING FOR HIM. JARVIS, PLEASE SEE THE LADY OUT...

YES, MASTER VISION. GOOD EVENING MADAME.



WHEW. THAT VISION IS A SPOOKY SORT OF...GUY. I'M GLAD TO GET OUT OF THERE.

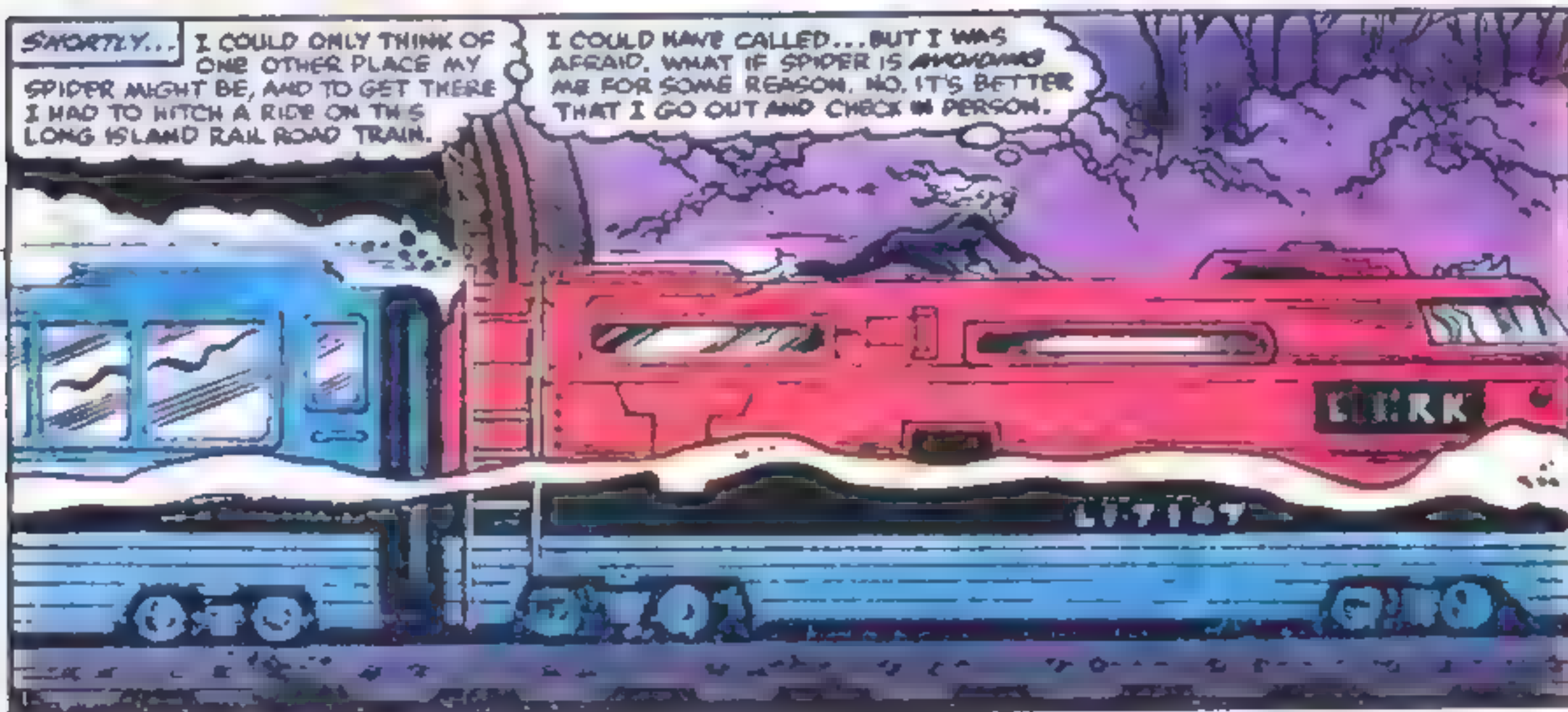


ON THE OTHER HAND, WHAT HE SAID ABOUT SUPER-POWERS AND HOW YOU USE THEM-- WHY IT WAS AS IF HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT MY SITUATION WAS.



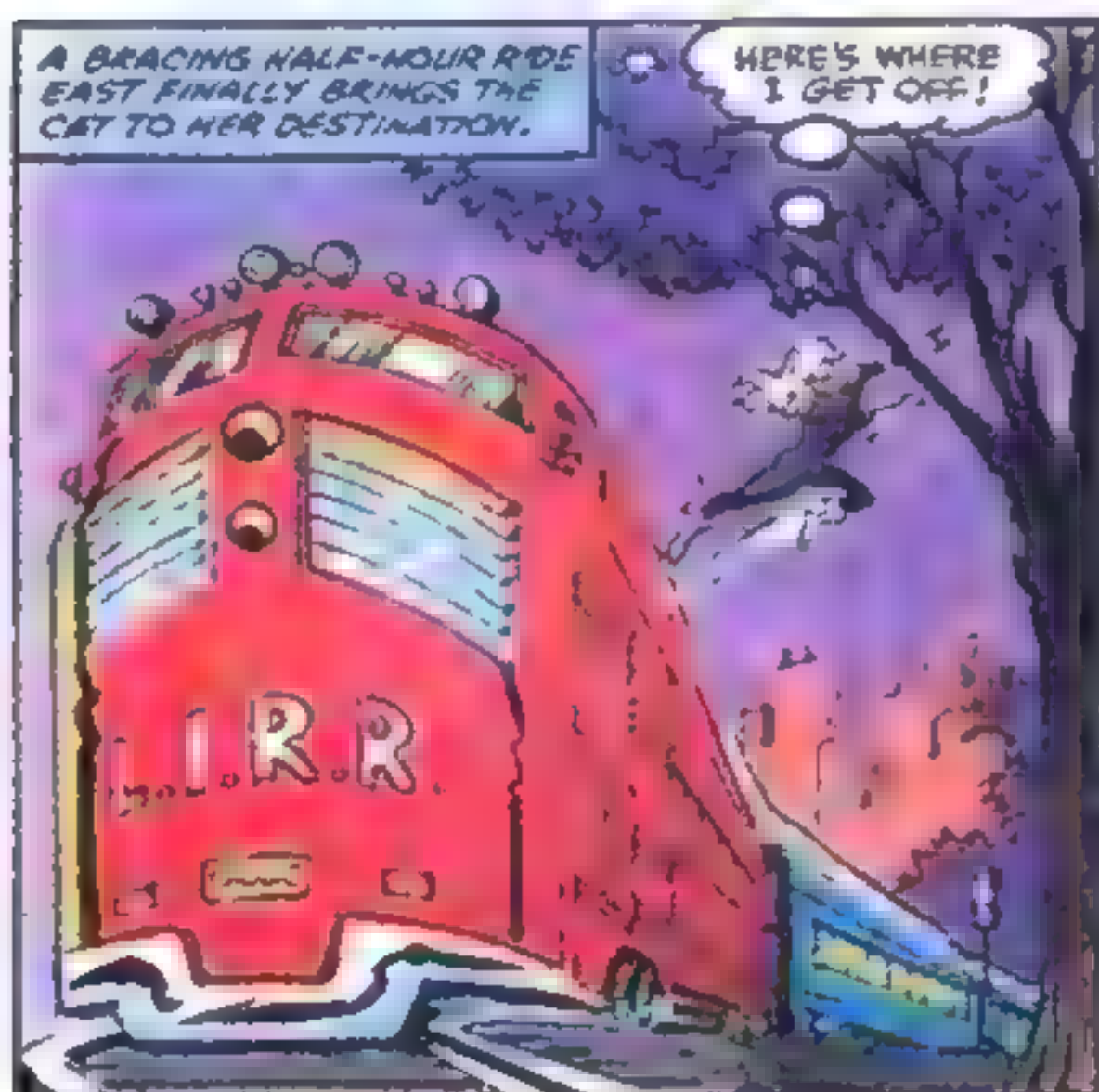
HE WAS REALLY RIGHT ON ABOUT THAT. IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW I GOT THIS WAY AS LONG AS I CAN USE MY POWERS TO HELP SPIDER AND TO BE WITH HIM.

YES! I WILL TELL SPIDER ABOUT MY POWERS BUT I STILL HAVE TO FIND HIM.



SHORTLY... I COULD ONLY THINK OF ONE OTHER PLACE MY SPIDER MIGHT BE, AND TO GET THERE I HAD TO HITCH A RIDE ON THE LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD TRAIN.

I COULD HAVE CALLED... BUT I WAS AFRAID. WHAT IF SPIDER IS AVOIDING ME FOR SOME REASON. NO. IT'S BETTER THAT I GO OUT AND CHECK IN PERSON.



A BRACING HALF-HOUR RIDE EAST FINALLY BRINGS THE CRY TO HER DESTINATION.

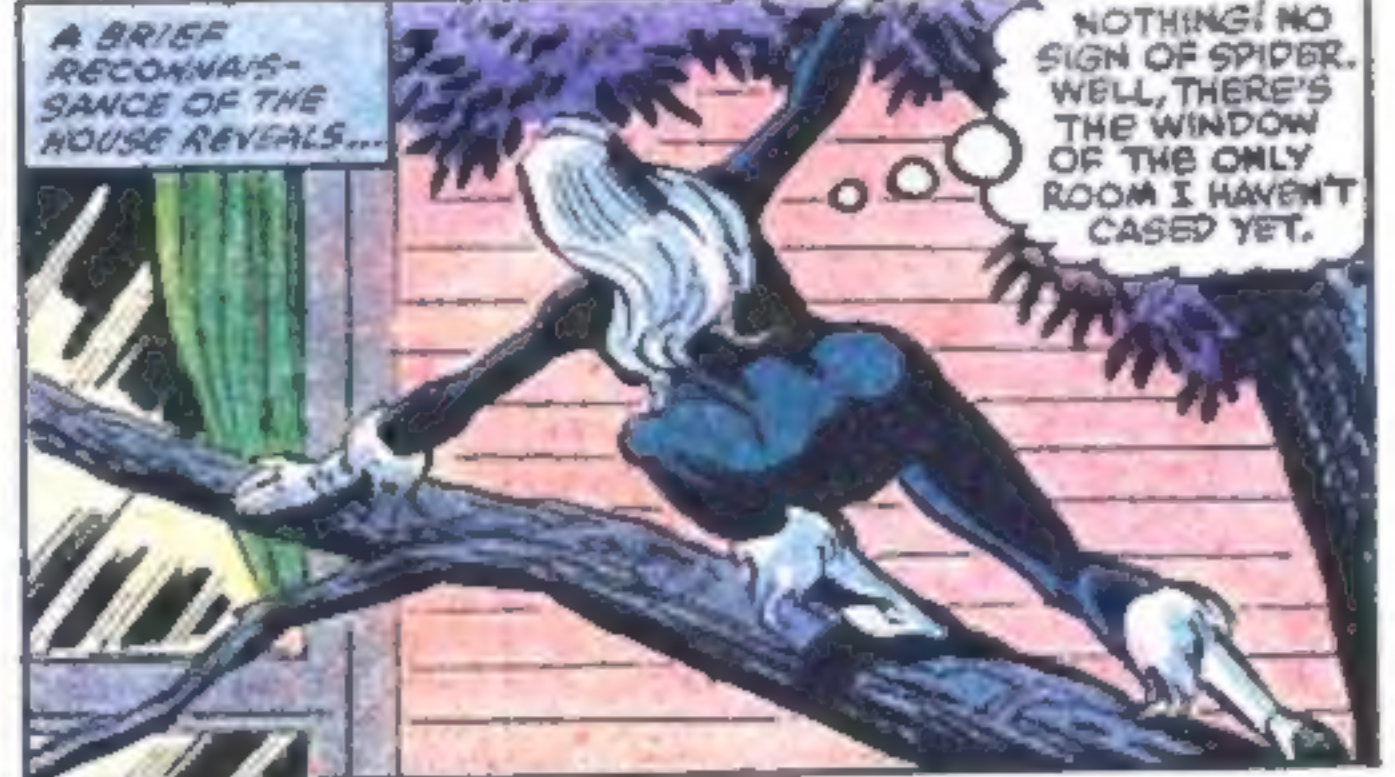
HERE'S WHERE I GET OFF!



THE ADDRESS IN THE PHONE BOOK SAID THIS SHOULD BE THE HOME OF MAY PARKER... SPIDER'S AUNT.



HMMM, I NEVER MET HIS AUNT. WONDER IF THAT'S HER. LOOKS LIKE THE WHOLE HOUSE IS CRAWLING WITH REFUGEES FROM AN OLD FOLKS HOME.



A BRIEF RECONNAISSANCE OF THE HOUSE REVEALS...

NOTHING! NO SIGN OF SPIDER. WELL, THERE'S THE WINDOW OF THE ONLY ROOM I HAVEN'T CASED YET.



NOPE, JUST ANOTHER OLD LADY. WELL, MAYBE SHE CAN TELL ME SOMETHING.



MY, I JUST LOVE MAH-JONGG NIGHT HERE AT THE HOUSE. I WONDER IF MR. SIMPSON WILL NOTICE THIS NEW SHADE OF LIPSTICK I'M USING.

EXCUSE ME...
HAVE YOU SEEN PE--

EH?

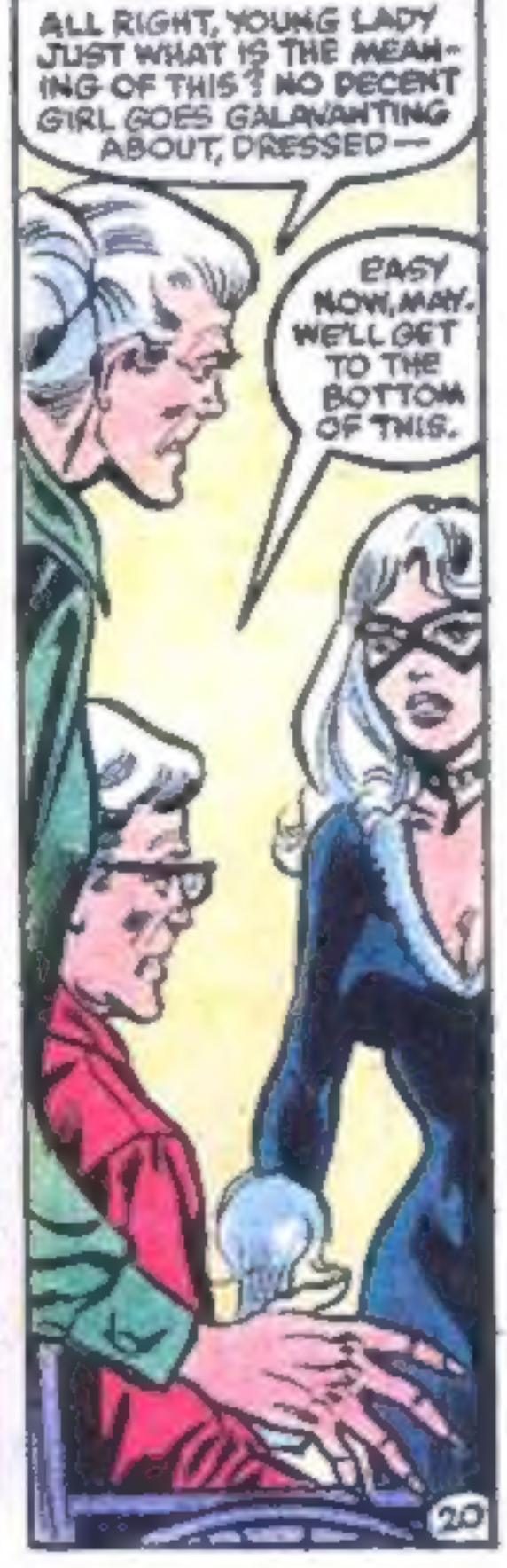


EEEEEEEE



MARTHA, THAT SCREAM-- WHAT'S WRONG? WHO-?!

SH-SHE SNUCK IN THE WINDOW. SHE MUST HAVE COME HERE TO ROB US.



ALL RIGHT, YOUNG LADY JUST WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? NO DECENT GIRL GOES GALAVANTING ABOUT, DRESSED --

EASY NOW, MAY. WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS.



ER... SORRY, I MUST HAVE THE WRONG HOUSE. SEE, I WAS INVITED TO A... UM... COSTUME PARTY AND I WANTED TO MAKE A DRAMATIC ENTRANCE, SO...

I'LL JUST LET MYSELF OUT THE WAY I CAME IN.

YOU CERTAINLY WILL, YOUNG WOMAN! AND NEXT TIME, WE WON'T BE SO LENIENT!

THERE, THERE, MY DEAR. EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT NOW.



SO THAT'S PETE'S AUNT, HUH? WHAT A DRAG! NO WONDER HE'S SO YUCK IN HIS NORMAL IDENTITY. SHE IS FEISTY THOUGH.



I GUESS SPIDER NEVER TOLD HER ABOUT HIS COSTUMED IDENTITY. IT WAS SILLY OF ME TO BREAK IN LIKE THAT. I COULD HAVE GIVEN ONE OF THOSE OLD FOGEYS A HEART ATTACK.



BUT IF HIS AUNT IS LIKE THAT--SO STRAIT-LACED--CAN MY SPIDER BE MUCH DIFFERENT?



DO I DARE TELL HIM ABOUT MY POWERS? HE'D NEVER UNDERSTAND.



BUT HE LOVES ME.



DO I TELL HIM?! YES? OR NO? YES OR NO?! YES... OR...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

NO!

I--I MEAN,
SPIDER, IS
THAT YOU?

YES, IT'S ME. JUST A NEW
COSTUME IS ALL. HOW I GOT
IT IS A LONG STORY. *

BUT YOU
DIDN'T ANSWER
MY QUESTION. WHY
ARE YOU PROWLING
AROUND AUNT
MAY'S HOUSE?

IN THAT INSTANT, ALL HER
DOUBTS AND RESERVATIONS
RUSH TO THE FORE. THE
CONFLICT THAT HAS RAGED
WITHIN THE BLACK CAT THIS
NIGHT IS RESOLVED IN A
SPLIT-SECOND DECISION.
AND SHE REPLIES:

I--I MISSED YOU.
YOU WERE AWAY SO
LONG. I JUST WANTED
TO SEE YOU, THAT'S ALL.

* A STORY REVEALED
IN THE MARVEL
SUPER HEROES
SECRET WARS
LIMITED SERIES,
ON SALE NOW!
--DANNY

I JUST WANTED
TO SEE YOU...

NEXT: IF IT WASN'T FOR BAD LUCK...

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Intrigued by this issue's last page, folks? Thought you might be. Don't fail to pick up the other Spidey mags on sale now to see more of the web-slinger's new threads. And if you happen to have an opinion on the outfit... do let us know!

Dear Danny and Bob,

PETER PARKER #85 was one of the best you've ever done, and my favorite villain for the ol' web-spinner is the Hobgoblin. But if you're planning on making him go mad like the Green Goblin — don't! I like him just the way he is.

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Dear Bill and Dan,

After reading PETER PARKER #85, I've got the feeling you guys may be making a terrible mistake. Please don't make the Hobgoblin go insane. After all, he'll make a much better enemy if he keeps his wits.

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That may be immaterial by now, Lee. If you read AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #251, you know that ol' Hobby bit the dust — didn't he?

Dear Marvel,

In my opinion, what made the original Green Goblin's appearances so special was that he showed up when least expected, and was more dangerous each time he appeared.

Now the Hobgoblin is a masterful villain, but handle him carefully and slowly. All good things come to those who wait.

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We couldn't have said it better ourselves, Jim.

Dear Danny,

Felicia is just delightful! She is so naive and innocent in some ways that it's almost comical. Don't kill her off! She doesn't deserve it! She's the most refreshing thing to come along in a long time, next to the Hobgoblin, also a favorite of mine!

John Bowman
Bethel Park, MD



Dear Bill and Danny,

Please — whatever you do or have planned for this book — do keep Spidey and Black Cat as a team. If Daredevil can have an effective crime-fighting partnership with the Black Widow, why can't Spider-Man have one with Cat? Perhaps you could have Spidey take Cat to Daredevil and Black Widow for some intensive combat training — martial arts, boxing, wrestling, gymnastics, weapons, maybe even outfitting Cat with claws or wrist-type armaments a la Widow's bite or Wasp's sting.

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Hey, Jay, I think the Cat's sudden increase in power may just preclude any need for the sort of things you suggest. If anyone can make her a more formidable foe now, it's probably the Scarlet Witch.

Dear Guys,

In PPTSSM #85 there were indications that Spidey and the Black Cat are not to be,

at least as far as a fighting partnership goes. I don't like that. Spidey has always worked well alone; some say that he's just no good in a team. I disagree. Here you have a wonderful opportunity to evolve a rather shaky-looking partnership into a good crime-fighting duo.

I'm not suggesting that Spidey have no more solo adventures — that'd be indecent. Put 'em in their own magazine if you have to, but keep those two together. Splitting them up would be just as indecent.

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Dear Marvel,

PETER PARKER #85 was one of the best comics I've ever seen done. Al Milgrom and Jim Mooney are really spectacular. They made the Hobgoblin seem to jump out of the page. The cover was fantastic also. I hope they continue for many more issues to come.

Since Spidey is my favorite super hero, I felt I should write and say what's on my mind: I think Spidey and the Black Cat should break up. Don't get me wrong — I like her but I just don't think she's right for him. I think Deb Whitman was much better for Peter Parker and wouldn't have trouble with Peter having another identity.

I also think Peter would be better off going back to school and getting grants (instead of going back to teaching) so he would have more time to devote to taking pictures and being the great hero he is. I think it was a mistake to quit school in the first place, but I could understand his reasoning. I just hope he straightens out his life soon. I wouldn't mind marrying him myself, but my husband would kill both me and Peter, no matter how strong Peter is.

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Your husband wouldn't happen to be the Hobgoblin, would he?

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